

SENATE RESOLUTION 36
By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bishop G.E. Patterson
for his meritorious forty years of service in the
Memphis community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, in the natural course of events, there are those individuals who possess the qualities of kindness, humility, love of nature and of ones fellowman, and the innate ability to be a leader; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 1939, God in his infinite wisdom, brought forth such an individual, Bishop G.E. Patterson; and

WHEREAS, he is a remarkable public servant, a voice of integrity which has many modes, from talking to preaching, from whispering to singing. "He doesn't read Scripture, he transmits it. He doesn't carry a tune he transports it"; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Memphis, Bishop G. E. Patterson was the founder of the Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ, and during his inspirational tenure has been a tremendous asset to the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his excellent service as pastor, he has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Patterson has made Christianity a loving and joyous experience for his parishioners, breathing new life into the inviolate precepts taught by his Savior; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Bishop G.E. Patterson is regarded as one of the best preachers in the world. "He makes the gospel so exciting and yet so plain"; and

WHEREAS, a superbly patient and industrious professional, Bishop Patterson is a visionary. He is the founder/president of Bountiful Blessings Ministries which employs more than 100 people. His Whitehaven complex houses a preschool, a Bible college, a radio and TV studio, a bookstore and a mailroom; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Patterson is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his lovely wife of 30 years, Louis Dowdy Patterson; and

WHEREAS, the future of our State depends upon the positive contributions that religion and our religious leaders make to our society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Bishop G.E. Patterson for his meritorious 40-year service to the Church of God in Christ and to each of the communities where he has spread God's word, commend the fine example of morality and unswerving public service he provides for his fellow citizens, salute his Christian life of purpose and commitment to spirituality, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.